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MARCH 29, 1806.

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Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

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## A Bill,

Concerning the public grounds within the limits of the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia.

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1 *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the*  
2 *United States of America, in congress assembled,* That the president  
3 of the United States be, and is hereby authorized, to cause to be  
4 leased for the purpose of cultivation, upon terms not longer than  
5 ten years, such parts of the public grounds within the limits of the  
6 city of Washington, in the district of Columbia, as in his judg-  
7 ment can be so applied without probability of injuring the health  
8 of the inhabitants: *Provided,* that the common pasturage afforded  
9 by the public grounds, be not thereby so much reduced as to prove  
10 a serious detriment to the poor and laboring families of the city.

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the rents of the lands so  
2 leased, be applied, as they accrue, by the commissioner for pub-  
3 lic buildings, under the direction of the president of the United

4 States, to inclose in a plain and cheap manner, to level, slope, and  
5 smooth, to lay off, with the view to future improvement, and to plant  
6 with forest trees, the public square and grounds contiguous to the  
7 capitol, with the other grounds called the capitol-park extending  
8 along the Tiber to the Potomac.

1      Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of  
2 dollars for the present year, and of                      dollars for the  
3 next succeeding year be, and hereby are appropriated for the pur-  
4 poses aforesaid, in aid of the rents aforesaid, out of any money in  
5 the treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated.